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SUBJECT

Little comment on Jordan Waters from
Moroccans: M. Guédira, the Minister of
Foreign Affairs would like visit
London in May.

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Mr. Guédira

If M. Guédira does come here in May he will no
doubt feel bound to visit Jordan waters.

~~NEED~~ We should be grateful for early warning of his
intentions.

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Mr. Guédira was invited earlier this year and
could not come. We very much hope he will not try
to come in May but leave it until the end of June
(see Mr. Scivener's letter to Mr. Beaumont of April 10
at VM 1052/2). We shall certainly give you as much
warning as we get ourselves.

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Dear Willie,

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lin. Woodson
Mr. C. Hagen
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2. There has been little comment here on the Jordan Waters. The comparative trickle which has emerged has come from the Istiqlal Party who true to their form wave the banners of nationalism and Arabism from time to time. They are for example devoting this week to bringing home the problems of Palestine to the masses. But they have usually confined themselves to generalities rather than details about Palestine and they have not made any issue of Mrs. Golda Meir's visit to London nor was attention drawn to her call on the Prime Minister. With other Heads of Missions, I think they may well do so however if the Arab Foreign Ministers who visit London are not given the same treatment as Mrs. Meir.
3. The Moroccan Government on the other hand have been circumspect in dealing with the whole problem of Arab-Israel relations and they will probably continue to be guided by the King's guarded approach to the question of the Jordan Waters at the Cairo summit meeting last January. I think therefore that the line proposed in paragraphs 5-8 in your letter would be appropriate in dealing with the Moroccans.
4. As far as visits are concerned, it was reported from Dakar at the end of last month while King Hassan was in Senegal, that M. Balafrej, his personal representative, would be touring 14 countries, not yet identified, to draw attention to the plight of the Palestine refugees and to other questions related to the Palestine problem. We cannot at present add anything to this report.
5. M. Guédira, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, told Mr. du Cann, Minister of State at the Board of Trade, who visited Morocco last week, that he would like to visit London in May. Mr. du Cann suggested early May, in case of a General Election in June. M. Guédira gave no indication that his visit would have anything to do with Palestine or the Jordan Waters. He would in fact merely be taking up an outstanding invitation to visit England as the guest of Her Majesty's Government. This visit had been tentatively arranged for March but was cancelled at M. Guédira's request, on the grounds of health and pressure of other engagements. If I hear any more I shall of course let you know.
6. I am sending a copy of this letter to the recipients of yours and to Ronnie Scrivener.

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